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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, IT, VA

SUBJ: ITALIAN RESTRICTIONS ON JAPANESE SILK

REF: STATE 117115

1. FRANCESCO SIMEONE; DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF VFOREIGN TRADE  
OFFICE THAT HANDLES GATT, MTN, U.S., JAPAN, ETC. AFFAIRS;  
TOLD EMBOFF GOI IS NOT (REPEAT NOT) TAKING STEPS IMMEDIATELY TO  
BAN ALL JAPANESE SILK IMPORTS. HE ASSURED EMBOFF HE WAS IN  
POSITION TO KNOW AS ANY SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE TO CROSS HIS  
DESK.

2. SIMEONE SAID GOJ RESTRICTIONS ON ITALIAN IMPORTS OF  
ITALIAN SILK YARN IN 1975 LED TO NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH BRUSSELS  
AND, FINALLY, THE SETTING OF JAPANESE IMPORT QUOTA FOR  
ITALY AT ABOUT 18 PERCENT BELOW PREVIOUS YEAR IMPORTS. THIS  
QUOTA ARRANGEMENT EXPIRED AT THE END OF MARCH, 1977. ACCORDING  
TO SIMEONE, GOJ HAS BEEN DELAYING RENEWAL OF THE ARRANGEMENT  
AND DISPLAYS "NO INTENTION" OF NEGOTIATING IN GOOD FAITH. GOI  
IS CONSIDERING BRINGING MATTER UP AT GATT, BUT HAS NOT YET  
DECIDED. SIMEONE ADDED THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO THINK  
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IN TERMS OF RETALIATION. IF RETALIATION IS TAKEN, HE  
SAID, IT WOULD BE ON OTHER ITEMS AS ITALIAN IMPORTS OF  
SILK YARN FROM JAPAN ARE NEGLIGIBLE.

3. ACCORDING TO SIMEONE, JAPANESE IMPORTS OF ITALIAN  
SILK YARN WERE 186 METRIC TONS (MT) IN 1975, 154 MT IN 1976,  
AND 17 MT IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1977. ISTAT (ITALIAN

STATISTICS INSTITUTE) DATA FOR ITALIAN SILK YARN (ITEM  
50.04 OF CHAPTER 50) EXPORTS TO JAPAN SHOW 229.3 MT  
OM 1975 AND 106.7 MT IN FIRST TEN MONTHS OF 1976. ITALIAN  
IMPORTS IN THE SAME CATEGORY WERE NIL IN 1975 AND ONLY  
5 MT IN 1976. GARDNER

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